# Death Rate Among Belgians Higher Than on Battlefield

Under German Occupation, Ill Treatment, Privations and Poor Food Kill Thousands-One Execution Daily-Situation Can Only Be Worse, Says Legation

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"1. Civilians killed during the invasion, August-September, 1914—Altoney though we are not yet in possession of a complete list of the civilians killed by the Germans during those fateful days, we know the number of victims to be well over 5,000. For the following provinces we have approximate estimates: Namur, more than 1,800; Luxembourg, about 1,200 Liege, more than 1,000; Brabant, 897; Hainaut, about 300. Most of these victims fell in the towns where, under pretext of the existence of sharpshooters, German fury knew no limits. Dinant counted 606 victims; Andenne, more than 200; Tamines, more than 400; Louvain, 210; Aerschot, about 150; Namur, about 75.

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"2. Among the deportees the mortality resulting from privations, ill treatment, underfeeding, etc., exceeds largely the normal percentage of deaths. Some, too, have met death on the battlefields, where the Germans forced them to de auxiliary work. If we possess ample information about individual places and undeniable testimony on the broken health of the returned deportees in general, we are, however, unable to quote figures.

"3. The electrified wire which makes the Belgians prisoners in their own country accounts for a great number of victims, especially among young people, who try to escape in order to join the army, or among couriers, who try to smuggle news in or out of Belgium. In les than a year, between August, 1916, and July, 1917. 160 persons were electrocuted. Since then the average number of victims has increased, owing to the strengthening of the guards and the putting up of new wires.

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"Deaths from hunger and cold are not unusual, but it is mostly indirectly that the underfeeding of the population causes numerous premature deaths, for, the country. In addition, at least one Belgian daily is executed by the German authorities, according to a statement made public to-day by the Belgian Legation. The statement came from Havre and read as follows:

"Not taking into account the losses on the field of battle, Belgium has suffered heavily in its civilian population thanks the investigation of the Belgian coal fields, has dangerously increased the death rate.

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General Lewis and George W. Aldridge will not admit that they conferred today, but it is generally conceded that they met at the Republican headquarters, where they discussed the gubernatorial situation. Lewis was closeted in his private office most all of the afternoon, and to-night declined to talk. However, he said he would give out a statement to-morrow afternoon. Mr. Aldridge was uncommunicative. He would not admit that there had been a conference, but said he "might" have something to say to-morrow. Mr. Aldridge intimated that he knew no reason to change the attitude he had already assumed toward Governor Whitman's candidacy. He has said that he was committed to the Governor's renomination, and the rank and file of the Monroe organization have accepted his remarks as final.

Mr. Lewis will find some strength in rural counties, possibly Orleans and Wyoming.

Dirigible Hits Tree Top

And Falls on Long Island JAMAICA, L. I., May 11 .- A United States army dirigible, carrying three passengers, became entangled in the population. It is estimated that each day one Belgian at least suffers the supreme penalty.

Poor Food Kills Many

"The unsatisfactory food situation, due to the requisition of the homegrown foodstuffs and the sinking of many relief ships, the use of unsuitable substitutes, the lack of fuel, as a result of the exploitation by Germany."

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Two of the passengers were United States Signal Corps men and the third was attached to the United States had come from and took the first train to New York.

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Be Won by Faith tor of Grace M. E. Church, in West 104th Street, made public yesterday the following telegram from Secretary of the Navy Daniels:

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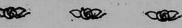
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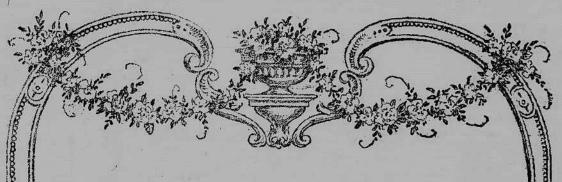


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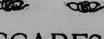
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